ONE (312) 258-5500 PPLICATION OF:

SCHIFF, HARDIN LLP

PATENT DEPARTMENT

6600 SEARS TOWER

233 SOUTH WACKER DRIVE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606

GROUP ART UNIT: 2882

SERIAL NO.:

10/654,173

Apel et al.

EXAMINER: Jurie Yun

FILED:

September 3, 2003

CONFIRMATION NO.: 4321

TITLE: "X-RAY TUBE WITH RING ANODE, AND SYSTEM EMPLOYING SAME" **AMENDMENT "A"**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

■ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*17	MINUS	**20	x	() X 25.00 () X 50.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*6	MINUS	3	х	() X 10000 (x) X 20000	\$600.00
	amended to contain dependent claims ly paid for.			(') YES	() \$180.00 () \$360.00 ONE TIME	
			TOTAL ADDITIONA FOR THIS AMENDM			\$600.0

If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

Checks in the amount of \$120.00 and \$600.00 are attached.

A check for \$ _____ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

A check for \$ ____ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

When phoning re this application, please call (312) 258-5500.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on December 22,
2004 Steven H. Noll

SCHIFF, HARDIN LLP (Customer Number/126)

December 22, 2004 DATE

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If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20 write "20" in this space.

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 for one (1) month so that the period for response is extended to December 24, 2004. A check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.